



Dear Candidate:

The San Francisco Democratic Party (SFDFCC) is eager to learn more about your candidacy and invites you to participate in our endorsement process.

If you would like to be considered for an endorsement by SFDFCC, please complete the attached Endorsement Questionnaire and return to info@sfdemocrats.org by **Monday, August 13 at 5:00pm**. Our Endorsement Committee will meet candidates for interviews on **August 18, 2018**. The exact time of your interview and location will be provided to you after we review your completed Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire and have determined that you meet our bottom line requirements to be considered for an endorsement. At the time of the interview, you may also provide additional information to supplement your questionnaire. You are limited to four (4) total pages, and you must provide 5 copies.

SFDFCC seeks to encourage the election of qualified local candidates who will help to advance our shared Democratic values. We are only able to endorse registered Democrats, except in the case of a nonpartisan race in which no registered Democrat has qualified for the ballot. We also seek to support those candidates who express agreement and have demonstrated support for our core issues and priorities, which are included in the California Democratic Party Platform, our Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures Manual (which can all be found at www.cadems.org and www.sfdemocrats.org).

To qualify for an endorsement interview, all candidates must indicate that they support the Democratic principles in our party platform, complete the Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire, and return it by the deadline of **August 13, 2018 at 5:00pm**.

Candidate interviews will be brief and will be open to both SFDFCC members and members of San Francisco's chartered democratic clubs. Following the Endorsement Committee interview, the full body will deliberate and vote on a final endorsement at our meeting scheduled for August 22, 2018, at 6:30pm, at the Tenderloin Community

Elementary School. Meetings are open to the general public and are live streamed on our Facebook page. You are welcome to attend or follow our progress online.

The following rules also apply to the SFDCCC endorsement process and any violation may be subject to further actions, including a revocation of the endorsement:

1. Candidates may only use the "SF Democratic Party" name and image after the full membership endorsement;
2. Once endorsed, the SFDCCC will provide a high-resolution copy of our logo which may be used in your materials **only** for the race for which you were endorsed;
3. In the case of elections in which Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is employed, listing of the SFDCCC endorsement must accurately reflect the ranked endorsement as detailed in our Policies and Procedures Manual;
4. Third parties wishing to utilize the SFDCCC name or logo in their campaign materials must submit a request to our Executive Director.

Thank you very much for your interest in the SFDCCC endorsement. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions. We look forward to learning more about your candidacy and your campaign.

Respectfully,
The San Francisco Democratic Party

By signing below, you acknowledge that you will comply with the SFDCCC's Bylaws and Policies and Procedures and you will not utilize the SFDCCC name, the San Francisco Democratic Party, or its logo without written permission.

Catherine Stefani

San Francisco Supervisor, District 2

(name)

(position you are seeking)

/s/ Catherine Stefani

August 11, 2018

(signature)

(date)



**SFDCCC Candidate Questionnaire
Supervisorial Race - November
2018**

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What office are you running for? San Francisco Supervisor, District 2

Are you running for re-election? Yes No

What other elected positions have you held previously?

N/A

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please complete this questionnaire and bring 5 copies (for the 31 Committee members and for Democratic Clubs) with you to be distributed just prior to your interview appointment on **August 18, 2018**
- ****IMPORTANT**** Please send electronic copies to info@SFDemocrats.org by **5:00 PM on August 13, 2018**
- With the *possible exception* of a Democratic candidate filing to run after the questionnaire due date, *only* candidates who return a completed questionnaire

electronically by the due date will be allowed to present before the committee.

- At the time of the interview, you may also provide 45 copies of up to 4 pages of supplemental information attached to your questionnaire for distribution to SFDCCC members (materials are not to be passed out during the meeting).
- We may distribute the questionnaires in preparation for event and post them on the SFDCCC website for the public to view.
- If you have not heard from the committee by **Thursday, August 16**, please contact Executive Director, Adam Mehis at 415-626-1161 or info@sfdemocrats.org to schedule a time slot during the Endorsement Interview Meeting.

PART I: GENERAL QUESTIONS (200 words or less)

Are you a registered member of the Democratic Party?

Yes.

Please describe your contributions to the Democratic Party and/or increasing civic engagement in the democratic process at the local, state and or/national level in the recent years.

In addition to my record of public service as a prosecutor, legislative aide, County Clerk, and Supervisor, I have long been active in promoting women's leadership in the democratic process. I graduated from Emerge California, served as the San Francisco leader and spokesperson for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and won an "Ignite Honors" award for "consistently putting [my] beliefs into action, engaging and mentoring other women and transforming [my] community." In the fall of 2016, I flew to Nevada to canvass for the Hillary Clinton and Question 1 campaigns, and was previously a co-founder of the District 2 Democratic Club.

Are there any other civic causes or organizations that you are involved with? Please describe.

In addition to Emerge California and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, I am also a licensed, active member of the California State Bar, and have raised over \$50,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by participating in triathlons.

Please summarize your qualifications and experience for the office you are seeking.
Please list any organizations or elected officials who have endorsed you.

I believe my background, perspective, and experience make me uniquely qualified for this office. I have served the residents of District 2 for over a decade, first as a legislative aide to my two predecessors, former Supervisors Michela Alioto-Pier and Mark Farrell, between 2007 and 2016, and then as the County Clerk. I am also a mother and a former prosecutor, and previously served as the Vice President of the Cow Hollow Association and on the board of directors of the Homeless Prenatal Program. I know the community and the issues my neighbors care about, I have strong relationships with my colleagues on the Board of

Supervisors, and I am working hard every day to be my neighbors' voice at City Hall.

I am proud to have earned the endorsements of many neighborhood leaders, elected officials, and organizations, including Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Former California Democratic Party Chair John Burton, Mayor London Breed, Former Mayors Mark Farrell and Frank Jordan, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma, Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu, District Attorney George Gascón, Sheriff Vicki Hennessy, Board of Supervisors President Malia Cohen, Supervisors Sandra Fewer, Aaron Peskin, Katy Tang, Vallie Brown, Norman Yee, Rafael Mandelman, Hillary Ronen, and Ahsha Safaí, BART Director Bevan Dufty, City College Trustees Alex Randolph and Thea Selby, San Francisco Democratic Party Chair David Campos, National Union of Healthcare Workers, the San Francisco Police Officers Association, San Francisco Firefighters Local 798, Everytown for Gun Safety, the Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund, the California Nurses Association, UA Local 38 Plumbers and Pipefitters, SEIU Local 87, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers Local 21, the City Democratic Club of San Francisco, and many more. A full list is available at supervisorstefani.com/endorsements.

PART II: YES/NO QUESTIONS ECONOMIC

JUSTICE

Do you support the divestment of public funds from Wells Fargo and other financial institutions involved in speculative and questionable banking practices?

Yes

No

Do you believe that the government should provide foreclosure relief for borrowers who were victims of unethical financial service practices?

Yes

No

Do you support the creation of a local municipal bank in San Francisco?

Yes

No

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/POLICE REFORM

Do you support overhauling the bail system?

Yes

No

Do you supporting rebuilding jails in San Francisco?

Yes

No

Will you commit to “ban the box” legislation to ensure that the formerly incarcerated are given an equal opportunity for housing and employment?

Yes

No

Do you support the San Francisco Police Department being equipped with Tasers?

Yes

No

CHILDCARE

Do you support expanding affordable childcare to low- and middle-income families?

Yes

No

Do you support expanding child care to include children aged 0-3 years old?

Yes

No

ENVIRONMENT

Do you support San Francisco's CleanPowerSF program and will you commit to sustaining the Board's participation and oversight through the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)?

Yes

No

Do you support SFERS' (San Francisco Employees' Retirement System) full divestment from fossil fuel interests?

Yes

No

HEALTHCARE

With the opiate crisis worsening nationwide, would you support the creation of safe injection sites in San Francisco to support harm reduction?

Yes

No

Do you fully support retaining and expanding the number of subacute beds in San Francisco?

Yes

No

Do you support using jails as mental health facilities and substance abuse treatment programs?

Yes

No

CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES

Do you support speaking out in public against all forms of racism, discrimination, hatred and violence, and standing in solidarity with movements that promote equity, including Black Lives Matter?

Yes

No

Will you protect the right of all people to use facilities and participate in all aspects of society regardless of their gender identity and the gender assigned at birth and ensure equal access to all public facilities?

Yes

No

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES

Will you support Sanctuary City policies and Due Process for All -- limiting the ability for local authorities to collaborate with Federal government on immigration enforcement which incites fear in immigrant communities?

Yes

No

Do you support the San Francisco Police Department's involvement with the FBI through the Joint Terrorism Task Force, which includes surveillance of San Francisco residents?

Yes

No

Will you fully support funding for deportation and detention defense to protect San Francisco residents from removal proceedings?

Yes

No

LABOR

Do you support the privatization of essential government services and outsourcing of public sector jobs?

Yes

No

Do you support employee rights to organize and collectively bargain and support enforceable organizing agreements?

Yes

No

Will you support Cost Of Living Adjustments (COLAs) for non-profit organizations that hold contracts with the City?

Yes

No

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Will you commit to fully funding San Francisco's public financing program?

Yes

No

Do you plan to or have you applied for public financing in this race?

Yes

No

HOUSING, TENANT, & LAND USE ISSUES

Do you believe the split roll for Proposition 13 that treats taxes for commercial and residential property differently?

Yes

No

Would you support overturning Costa Hawkins to support the right for localities to pass rent control laws?

Yes

No

Should there be a moratorium on market rate housing in communities that have experienced elevated rates of displacement?

Yes

No

HOMELESSNESS

Do you support civil or criminal penalties for people sleeping, sitting, or lying on the streets?

Yes

No

Will you commit to placing and funding Navigation Centers in every Supervisorial district?

Yes

No

Do you support expansion of the rental subsidy program?

Yes

No

PART III: SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS ON ISSUES (250 Words or less)

- 1) What specific policy changes would you propose to address the issue of chronic homelessness in San Francisco?

We must recognize that the homelessness and mental health crises on our streets are linked and address both. San Francisco dedicates a lot of money to the homeless and to related housing and services, and while every other West Coast city has seen an increase in their homeless populations, we've seen ours stabilize. This means that the population we have left on our streets are the truly difficult to reach individuals that have been chronically homeless, often suffering from addiction, mental illness, or both. We need stronger conservatorship laws, which will require long-term cooperation between officials in City Hall and Sacramento, and in the meantime we must continue to invest in supportive housing and wrap-around services.

- 2) We recognize that the affordability crisis and evictions has particularly impacted our marginalized communities and communities of color. How do you plan to address preserving these communities? How would you address the issue of the displacement of low-income communities in San Francisco?

The most important steps we can take toward preserving a diverse San Francisco is to preserve our current rent control system and inclusionary housing policy while continuing to create enough affordable housing. Creating homes helps the housing supply catch up to the ever growing demand for housing, and will help rents to stabilize for people who already live here. The combination of our current rent control system and inclusionary housing policy is a foundation for ensuring there's rental housing available for people with low and moderate incomes, and we need to continue to create homes for families and working people. I support the Right to Civil Counsel.

- 3) What is affordable housing to you? Should the current AMI (area median income) levels for low-income and middle-income be redefined? And how?

Affordable housing looks different to every renter or buyer, depending on income, but generally refers to housing that meets the needs of our low- and middle-income populations. It's essential to include San Francisco's middle-income earners in this conversation, because these are our workers - our teachers, nurses, and firefighters - whom the City depends on for their contributions to the community. When we're looking at our AMI levels, we should ensure that they include our low- and middle-income earners.

- 4) How would you balance the need for more housing and the need for community input in the Planning process?

Balancing community input with the creation of much needed homes is one of my most important responsibilities. I supported HOME-SF and believe that the City should continue to focus development along transit corridors. At the same time, it's important that we're involving the community in new development projects in order to preserve neighborhood character and ensure that we're including the community in the process of changing and shaping their neighborhood. We should all be working with neighbors to ensure that any projects are agreed upon and advance smoothly.

- 5) What are your top district priorities and what would be your process for establishing these priorities and engaging community?

Three of my top priorities for the District are addressing the property crime epidemic, ensuring the vitality of our merchant corridors, and addressing the homeless crisis and quality of life initiatives. I've lived in Cow Hollow for 17 years, I'm raising my children here, and I know the issues my neighbors care about. Before joining the Board of Supervisors, I was Vice President of the Cow Hollow Association and served as legislative aide to my two immediate predecessors between 2007 and 2016. Since becoming Supervisor, I've held three public safety forums with the District Attorney and leaders from our Police Department, where the community discussed their public safety concerns and existing programs, such as Park Smart, SF Safe, and the District Attorney's security camera registry. I've also led merchant walks, and met with small business owners and neighborhood leaders to listen to their concerns about the changing economy. I'm working hard every day to find solutions to issues large and small from across the community, which helps me to stay in tune with what's on my neighbors' minds, and to be the neighborhood voice at City Hall. I've developed these priorities to address some of the most common concerns about our neighborhoods'

most challenging issues.

- 6) If you are elected, what are your top concerns for San Francisco? How would you address these concerns?

Homelessness, a healthy economy, and public safety are my top priorities for San Francisco. I helped to secure funding for an additional 44 street cleaners around the City, but we also have to address the root causes of what's making our streets dirty in the first place. I've been an advocate for conservatorship reform, safe injection sites, and increasing funding for supportive housing and wrap-around services. When it comes to public safety, I am absolutely committed to a collaborative, community approach with our Police Department that will heal wounds and bridge gaps while implementing each of the Obama Justice Department's 272 recommendations for reform. This summer, I held a series of forums with our law enforcement leadership in the community, so we can hear each other's concerns face to face, and so we can start to build relationships that will help address the issues we face in San Francisco. In terms of our small businesses, I've worked with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development and the Planning Department to evaluate our formula retail report and address the future of retail in our communities. In addition, I've been working with the City Attorney's Office and my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to determine how best to address the vacant storefronts we see too often in our neighborhoods.

- 7) What plan do you have to address the increased traffic congestion in the City and balance the sometimes conflicting needs and uses on our roads?

Making our public transportation system faster, safer, and more reliable is imperative to the health of our City. We can't reduce traffic and congestion on our streets if we don't address the issues facing public transportation. I've asked the Department of the Environment to create a plan for increasing the amount of charging stations for electric cars, and have begun to work with the Department on developing San Francisco's Electric Vehicle Roadmap.

Additionally, I serve as the Vice Chair of the Transportation Authority's Vision Zero Committee and I feel strongly that we must continue Vision Zero's work to eliminate traffic fatalities by 2024 while improving our transportation infrastructure, including Muni and bike lanes. Further, I believe we can work with TNCs such as Uber and Lyft to ensure that they are properly regulated and pay their fair share. We must crack down on the worst driving behavior such as double parking, make sure that drivers have been subject to adequate background checks,

and take a look at the incentives that are leading drivers from around the state to drive into San Francisco and create more congestion.